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▶ Derek Dorsett of the Columbus Blue Jackets runs into Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo after getting stopped on a partial breakaway during last night's game at Rogers Arena. The Canucks won 2-1 in a shootout. Story, page 22.

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Canucks go the distance for win

Patients rrrrrolled into Tims

▶ Doctors forced to treat patients in coffee shop after Royal Columbian ER overwhelmed ▶ NDP accuses government of glazing over health-care system

Patients hoping for an emergency bed at Royal Columbian hospital suffered a much cruller fate Monday evening.

Due to an unusual spike in emergency room activity, Fraser Health Authority spokesperson David Plug says four patients had to be treated inside the New Westminster hospital's Tim Hortons coffee shop for about an hour and a half.

"It was one of the busiest periods we've had," Plug said. "It was not an ideal situation."

The health authority says other areas of the hospital were available, but the coffee shop was closed down, sanitized and turned into a temporary patient-treatment centre because of its proximity to the emergency room.

Plug insists patient care wasn't compromised, but admits demand has far outgrown the hospital's emergency room.

"Royal Columbian is one of the busiest hospitals in the province. We're working on the systematic issues, we do need more beds," he said.

Fraser Health is in early discussions with the Ministry of Health regarding redevelopment of Royal Columbian.

NDP interim leader Dawn Black says the unusual situation is indicative of the health-care system as a whole.

"(It) shows the degree to which our health care has declined under 10 years of B.C. Liberals," Black said, challenging premier-designate Christy Clark to take action.

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Paragon confident of casino plans

The company behind the proposed Edgewater Casino expansion near B.C. Place isn't thinking about Plan B.

During a lengthy press conference about the planned mega-casino and hotel development yesterday, Paragon Gaming president Scott Menke insisted the current proposal is a good fit. He refused to speculate what would happen if council rejects plans for the $500-million project.

"We will work with the city but believe we have strong documentation to show the need for the proposal that we put forward," Menke said.

"We think this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we're very serious about it."

PavCo and the B.C. Lottery Corporation were also represented at the briefing.

PavCo's David Podmore said lease payments from Paragon would help it pay back their share of renovation costs at the stadium and that it would be forced back to the drawing board if council rejects the plans.

"I suppose if, in the wisdom of council, this wasn't approved, PavCo would have to reassess what it would do with the development opportunity," Podmore said.

"We'd probably go out with other proposals at some point."

MATT KIELTYKA

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

▶ PavCo CEO David Podmore speaks to media about the proposed Edgewater Casino expansion yesterday in Vancouver.

Cops call for witnesses in 'horrific' hit-and-run

Cory Sater, charged in the deaths of Charlene Reaveley and Lorraine Cruz, is expected in court tomorrow

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"Any information, no matter how small ... can assist in determining how such a tragic incident occurred."

RCMP SGT. PETER THIESSEN

RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen choked back tears yesterday as he stood at a roadside memorial for two women killed in a hit-and-run and asked for witnesses to come forward.

A 37-year-old man is facing a slew of charges including drunk driving causing death after Charlene Reaveley, 30, and Lorraine Cruz, 26, were hit and killed on Lougheed Highway on Feb. 19.

Reaveley had pulled over to help Cruz after she had been in an accident.

"Investigators believe there are ... witnesses to both collisions who have not yet spoken with police, or who they need to speak with further."

RCMP are asking the driver of a white 2008 Uplander minivan that stopped at the scene of the first accident to come forward, as well as drivers who witnessed the second fatal crash.

"They may have witnessed a horrific event," Thiessen said with a quivering chin before pausing to regain composure. "(And) they may be having problems coming forward."

A third group of witnesses who spoke to police at the scene but did not make statements are also being asked to call investigators.

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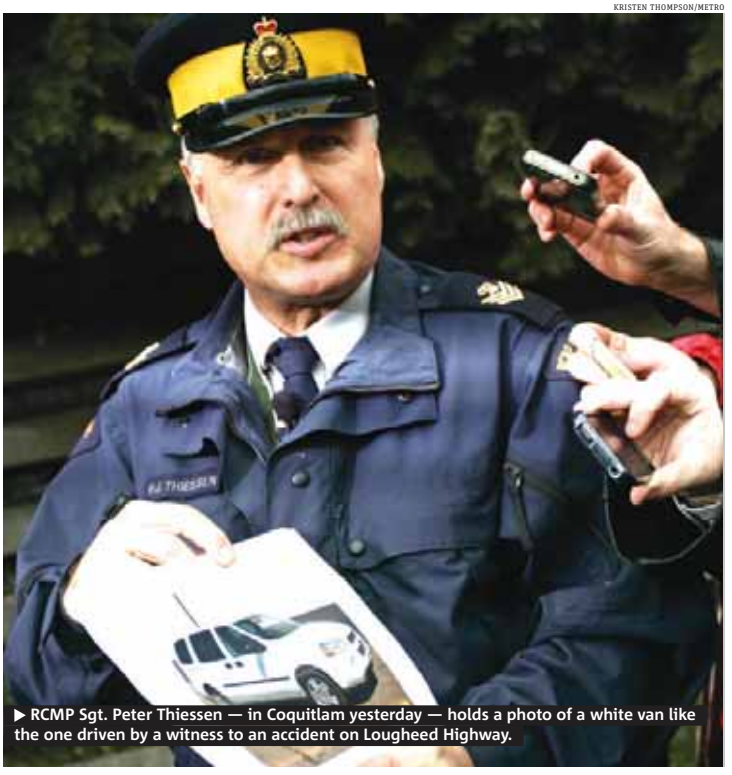

▶ RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen — in Coquitlam yesterday — holds a photo of a white van like the one driven by a witness to an accident on Lougheed Highway.

Festival announces August dates

The LIVE at Squamish festival is moving a week earlier into summer, organizers of the popular music festival announced yesterday.

LIVE, which launched on the Labour Day long weekend last year with performances by bands like DEVO and You Say Party, will be held Aug. 20 and 21 at Squamish's Logger Sports Grounds.

The move aims to capture August's better weather and move the festival away from the distractions of the long weekend, said Paul Runnals, executive producer of the event.

"We're not a first-year festival anymore," Runnals said.

"There's a lot of excitement in the industry that has been building for months. It translates into more buzz, more tickets and more people on site."

The musical lineup will be announced in early April. Tickets will go on sale around the second week of August, although early-bird tickets will be announced earlier on the festival's mailing list.

JEFF HODSON

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News in brief

Correction: More than 28,000 vote for Clark

CORRECTION. The 4,420 votes listed in a Metro column on Monday represented the weighted points in Saturday's B.C. Liberal leadership contest, not the actual number of B.C. Liberal members who voted for premier-designate Christy Clark. On the third ballot, 28,411 Liberal members voted for Clark, versus 26,119 who voted for runner-up Kevin Falcon.

New laws?

The province says it's considering changes to its new drunk driving laws, allowing drivers to challenge roadside suspensions, CKNW reports.

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A remote Libyan town takes up arms against fear of a military assault.

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Anton asks about city's readiness

Vancouver Coun. Suzanne Anton introduced a motion to council yesterday asking for a report on the city's readiness for an earthquake following New Zealand's recent deadly quake. "We have all witnessed the devastation and death toll in Christchurch," Anton said.

"Living in an active earthquake zone, we should be proactively ensuring we can keep our residents safe … (and) well prepared."

KRISTEN THOMPSON

City hall next phase of Whalley facelift

New regional library also under construction in city of close to 500,000

NATALIE KAUR JOHAL/FOR METRO

▶ Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts gets to work on the new city hall yesterday, tearing down a wall to kick-start construction.

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Kicking things off with a crash, Mayor Dianne Watts tore down a wall yesterday to mark the start of construction on Surrey's new city hall and community plaza — the latest in a string of municipal developments.

The city's population is close to 500,000 and is expected to increase by nearly 50 per cent over the next two decades. Watts said that it's time for Surrey to "start thinking like a big city," touting world-class facilities and economic-growth strategies.

The community plaza and city hall construction is part of the Build Surrey revitalization program, the biggest public works venture in its history.

"It's really important that we build the downtown core," said Watts, who feels that a thriving centre will send a strong message to potential investors.

The city hall's green design strategy has achieved LEED gold certification.

The project will go up in the revamped Surrey City Centre, adjacent to the SkyTrain station and SFU's Surrey campus.

Among other Build Surrey construction projects, which are at various stages of completion, is an expansion to Surrey Memorial Hospital.

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▶ The Canadian navy is sending the HMCS Charlottetown, pictured above, to the waters off Libya, adding to the international military buildup in the region.

Ramping up relief in Libya

Canada's military aircraft have made trips into Libya to deliver supplies and rescue Canadian and other citizens

Canada will send a warship to Libya, adding to the international military buildup in the region, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

The Halifax-based frigate, HMCS Charlottetown, is expected to conduct as-yet-undefined humanitarian relief operations in conjunction with an American carrier battle group led by the nuclear-powered USS Enterprise.

Harper said the warship departs today.

"Our government's priority remains the safe evacuation of Canadians from Libya," said Jay Paxton, a spokesman for Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

News of the short-notice deployment came on the same day as a Canadian military Hercules transport, en route to pick up oil workers, was turned back from Libya.

The British have used one of their frigates to evacuate its citizens from the port city of Benghazi.

"Our government's priority remains the safe evacuation of Canadians from Libya."

JAY PAXTON, A SPOKESMAN FOR DEFENCE MINISTER PETER MACKAY

A spokesman for the Ottawa-based overseas headquarters confirmed an air force C-130J Hercules was waved off its mission yesterday about half way between Malta and the troubled north African nation.

The transport was headed into Tripoli.

The reason for the denial was due to a shortage of ramp space at Tripoli International Airport, said Maj. Andre Salloum, spokesman for Canadian Forces Expeditionary Command.

It's the latest in a string of setbacks for the Canadian evacuation effort.

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Crackdown

Since the revolt against Moammar Gadhafi's 41-year-old rule began two weeks ago, his regime has launched the harshest crackdown in the Arab world.

- Gadhafi has already lost control of the eastern half of the country. He still holds the capital, Tripoli, and other nearby cities.
- An exact death toll has been difficult to obtain in the chaos, but a medical committee in Benghazi said at least 228 people had been killed, including 30 unidentified bodies, and 1,932 injured.
- UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has cited reports that perhaps 1,000 have died amid the uprising and the government's violent crackdown.

Rogers taking fee fight to top court

The battle over whether broadcasters have the right to charge cable and satellite providers for carrying their programs is headed to the Supreme Court.

Rogers Communications Inc. said yesterday it plans to file for a leave to appeal with the top court over a decision this week by the Federal Court of Appeals.

That court ruled 2-1 that the CRTC had the right to establish a regime whereby broadcasters could attach a monetary value to their signals. The CRTC itself had referred the matter to the court as it announced its plans for embarking on the regime.

But the fact that the Federal Court of Appeals' decision was not unanimous made an appeal more attractive.

Rogers and other distributors of TV network signals argued the so-called value-for-signal issue was a matter that fell under the Copyright Act and the question of royalties, and was not in the jurisdiction of the CRTC.

Justice Marc Nadon agreed.

Phil Lind, vice-chairman of Rogers Communications Inc, said: "The CRTC even acknowledged that it was a problem because they referred it directly to the courts without even rendering it to us. They knew it was going to be a problem."

Since the value-for-signal debate began, major networks such as CTV and Global have been purchased by the very distributors they were fighting.

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I'LL HAVE AN X-RAY AND A DOUBLE-DOUBLE

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Two of our nation's most prominent icons came together in a Vancouver suburb Monday, as overflow patients at the Royal Columbian Hospital were treated at the hospital's Tim Hortons doughnut shop.

Which proves that if you live long enough, you'll get to write at least one totally mind-blowing paragraph just like that one.

But it's all true. They had 190 patients in the ER, and because all the broom closets were full, they moved the table and chairs out of the café and moved the patients and the gurneys in.

Hospital personnel got a little confused as the doughnut shop performed double-double duty as an extension of the ER.

Nurses caught themselves telling patients to roll up their rims instead of their sleeves and wanted to know if that EKG was to go. "You want it toasted?"

You want to know what's really hilarious? The doughnut shop is actually part of the hospital's official overflow plan. Some poor sap was forced to stand in front of the TV cameras and actually maintain they would do it again the next time they have 190 patients at once.

Yeah, right.

Which is it? A cleverly designed PR move to shame the province into forking over more money to the hospital, a sneaky plot to introduce private (franchise, no less) health care, a new way for ER personnel to get their coffee breaks on a busy night or a complete breakdown of the Canadian health-care system.

"It's also unfortunate for U.S. President Barack Obama, who's trying to convince his fellow Americans to make the U.S. system more like Canada's."

If you ticked All of the Above, you're probably right. Have a Timbit. Have another one.

I'm sorry, but a doughnut shop is a great place to get a cup of coffee and one (maybe two) of those tasty walnut-crunch numbers. It's not a great place to find out if you have a broken leg or the chicken pox. It's not on the menu.

It's also unfortunate for U.S. President Barack Obama, who's trying to convince his fellow Americans to make the U.S. system more like Canada's. I'm not sure what Rush Limbaugh will make of the spectacle of treating ER patients at Dunkin' Donuts, but, by the looks of him, he's at least familiar with the product.

Of course, it's not all bad. Where else can you get a BP/blood work combo with extra-large coffee? And it comes with a choice of biscuit or English muffin.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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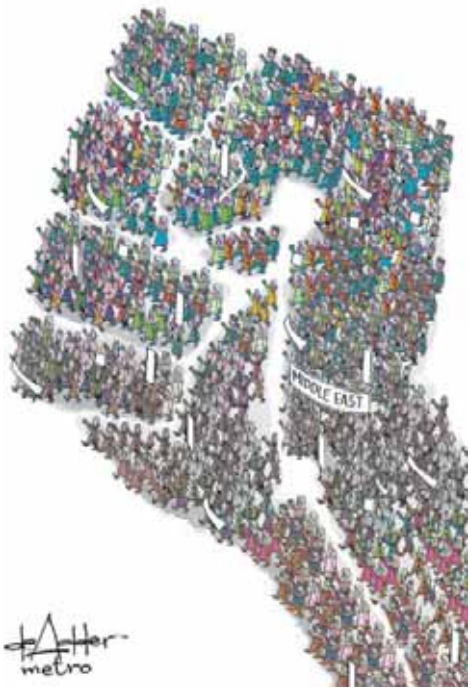

Letters & Tweets

Where is the legislation?

The government of the day, through the minister of Veterans Affairs has made several announcements and promises on Bill C-55 (new veterans charter), which has received first reading in the House of Commons but has not progressed to the committee level. Similar announcements and promises have been made on Bill 480 by the minister of finance (removal of GST from poppies and wreath purchases), for which no legislation has yet been tabled.

As your readers know, the tabling and passage of these bills with royal assent will not be possible should the government decide to call an election. The Royal Canadian Legion has written to both ministers on the matters of legislative procedure and has received assurances that these matters are being looked into.

These bills may die on the order paper, however, if an election is called. This would leave Canada's disabled veterans, their families and The Royal Canadian Legion without the legislation they all need.

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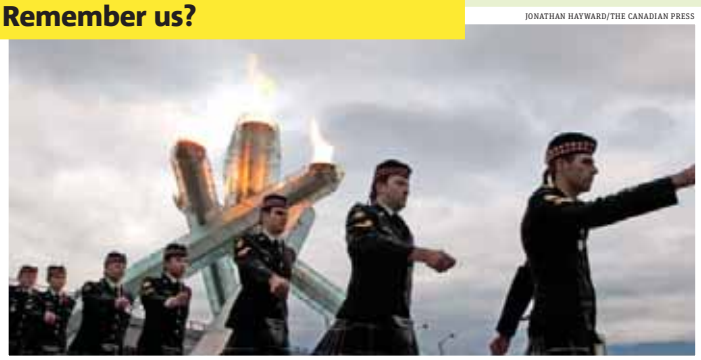

Should colleges be held accountable if their grads don't get jobs?

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Metro Minute with Firebird 2011

Vancouver's Turning Point Ensemble presents Firebird 2011, beginning tonight at the historic theatre at The Cultch (1895 Venables St.).

The show, which runs until Saturday, features two premieres. The first half of the show — music only — is a new arrangement of Stravinsky's Firebird.

The second half of the show features Firebird, choreographed by Simone Orlando and danced by MOVE: the company.

The 16-member Turning Point Ensemble, co-directed by Jeremy Berkman and Owen Underhill, accompanies the performance.

The show was the recipient of the Rio Tinto Alcan Performing Arts Award for Music in 2011. It begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $24-28 and available at thecultch.com.

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▶ Heidi Krutzen plays harp in the 16-member Turning Point Ensemble.

Carney stays the course on interest rates

- Cites uncertainty in global economy, markets
- Unchecked dollar could sink recovery at home

The Bank of Canada is sticking with its trendsetting rate of one per cent for at least another six weeks, giving no hint yesterday about when it might raise the rate again to ward off inflation: an increasing threat given recent signs the economy is expanding strongly.

Few had expected bank governor Mark Carney to raise rates, but analysts were looking for a signal of future hikes after Monday's news that the economy grew by 3.3 per cent in the final quarter last year, a full point higher than the bank had projected.

While the bank acknowledged the robust growth, it maintained that not much had in fact changed and that the risks to global recovery remain elevated. It also warned that the strong Canadian dollar and poor productivity of Canadian firms will act as anchors to future export growth.

Economists noted that Carney likely wanted to avoid giving any more boost to the loonie by signalling bullish intentions.

It may also be that, like some private-sector economists, Carney is skeptical that the better economic performance will hold up. Craig Alexander, TD Bank's chief economist, said he believes the quick start will yield to a steady slowdown as the year proceeds.

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PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 13.65 (14,122.85)	– 0.37¢ (102.57¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
+ $2.66 US ($99.63 US)	$3.915 US (– $0.12 US)
	Gold contracts $1,431.20 US (+ $21.30 US)

U.S. eyes Canadian hotels

Foreign investors will boost investment in Canada's hotel industry by 30 per cent in 2011, a new report forecasts. The Colliers International Hotels report says the jump will be fuelled by demand from mainly U.S. companies that find it hard to generate new business at home. It says investors are taking note of Canada's stronger economy as well as major events hosted in the country last year, such as the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and the G20 Summit in Toronto.

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Automakers blame gas prices for drop in sales

Carmakers expect to see more robust activity this year as the economy and consumer confidence improve

Canadian auto sales fell 4.2 per cent in February and many of the automakers blamed high gas prices for breaking a 14-month string of recovering performance in the industry.

Weak February sales reported yesterday pushed year-to-date sales down by 0.7 per cent.

However, Ford Motor Co. of Canada reclaimed its status as the country's top-selling automaker even as its February sales slid 10 per cent compared with the record-breaking results it logged a year ago.

February sales were lower than expected, reflecting higher gas prices and flat consumer confidence, said David Mondragon, president and CEO of Ford of Canada.

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Ford Canada's car and SUV sales are up seven per cent, and the automaker's year-to-date sales are up three per cent.

Ford sold 16,081 vehicles last month, down from 17,920 last February. But sales so far this year have improved to 30,405 from 29,473 in the opening months of 2010, propelling Ford to top sales status so far this year.

The company takes the spot from General Motors Canada, which reported February sales of its core brands were down 5.7 per cent to 12,285, less than half of Ford's sales for the month.

Meanwhile, smaller automakers reported record-breaking sales last month. Hyundai reported February sales of 8,700 vehicles in Canada, beating last February by 2.3 per cent. Subaru Canada Inc. reported a record February with 1,765 vehicles sold, up 2.4 per cent over last February.

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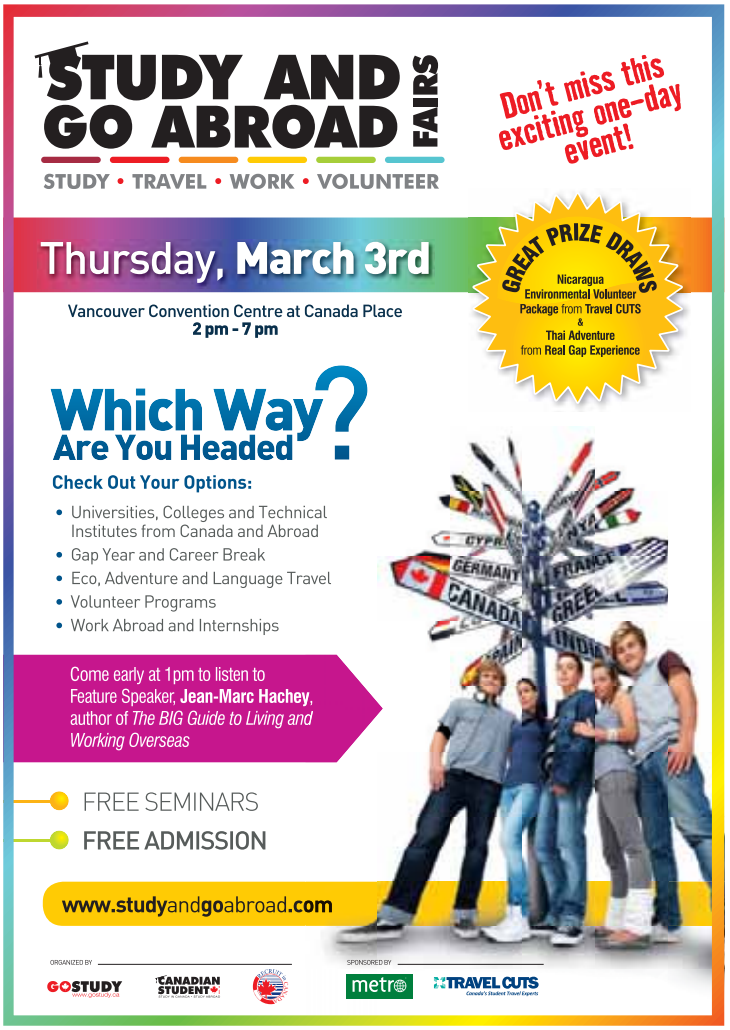
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No Adjustment needed for pair

Chemistry between Damon and Blunt shines through in latest movie

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▶ Matt Damon and Emily Blunt star in the Adjustment Bureau.

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The Adjustment Bureau may look like one of those serious-minded conspiracy films — and in a way it is, considering main character David Norris (Matt Damon) is being hunted down by strange suit-and-Fedora clad men trying to alter his destiny. But in sitting down with Damon and co-star Emily Blunt, there was more a mood of casual rom-com than nail-biting thriller, even after they were soberly asked to recall a moment in their own lives when fate seemed to intervene.

"I think Emily's chance to work with me must've been one of those moments," Damon cracks without missing a beat.

Blunt sarcastically admits he's right and goes on to explain that getting into her second choice university was what effectively gave her the career she has today.

Damon counters by adding that if he had chosen to star in Werner Herzog's Rescue Dawn rather than the Farrelly Brothers' Stuck on You, he never would have met his wife.

"Well, mine was better," Blunt quips at Damon.

"You went for the romance, you manipulated them."

"Looking back on my career, I feel like as much as I tried to control as much as I could, a lot of it really is down to luck"
MATT DAMON ON THE ROLE OF FATE IN HIS CAREER

It's obvious that the co-stars have a camaraderie that easily translated to Bureau, in which their characters meet by chance and share an instant attraction.

The mysterious titular bureau claims that the two cannot be together for reasons they cannot explain.

"What it really works as, is that the Adjustment Bureau is the obstacle to these people being together. It's never going to be Inception — it's never going to be that kind of intricate and complicated."

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▶ John Galliano

Comments get Galliano fired by Dior

John Galliano has been fired by Christian Dior, following yet further allegations of anti-semitic remarks made by the flamboyant designer, while drinking in the Marais district of Paris.

"I unequivocally condemn the statements made by John Galliano, which are in total contradiction to the longstanding core values of Christian Dior," Sidney Toledano, chairman and chief executive officer of Christian Dior Couture said.

For the time being the show will remain on schedule but regardless of the strength of the collection it is unlikely to receive the acclaim that is usually associated with this talented designer.

At the present time, Dior has declined to comment on who is set to replace Galliano.

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Portman

Natalie Portman condemned alleged anti-semitic comments made by designer John Galliano.

Quote "I am deeply shocked and disgusted by the video of John Galliano's comments that surfaced today."

KATE NUTT/CONTRIBUTED

60 seconds

▶ Jeff Martin 777

JEFF MARTIN

"I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN HAPPIER"

The former Tea Party front man and his new band Jeff Martin 777 is performing in Vancouver tomorrow and Friday at the Media Club in the first stop on his Canadian tour supporting his new album, The Ground Cries Out.

How have the last six years been for you since the breakup of the Tea Party?

"It's been a very steep learning curve. In the Tea Party days I was very comfortable in my bubble. We had incredible management that kept the music industry at bay. It allowed myself and the other two to create those records like Edge of Twilight and Transmission. For a Canadian rock band to be that exotic was unheard of, but we still became a household name. It was weird, but a testament to the Canadian rock audience in its ability to accept different things. The Tragically Hip had its place. The Tea Party had its place. Our Lady Peace had its place.

When I had to leave the band and learn everything on my own it was definitely a case of maturing in some ways and being accountable to my own self.

We fast forward to the present. As far as my headspace and soul space is concerned, I don't think I've ever been happier."

What goes into creating the live show?

"The less you think about it, the better it will be, that's the rule of thumb that I've always had. Even in the Tea Party days we didn't rehearse that much. You figure out your signposts and then how you get to those different signposts during a show is up to the inspiration of the evening. Every single night that this band will play the set will change, the momentum will change, everything will be different. Growing up listening to bootlegs of Led Zeppelin, the show was never the same. It's going to take all these tangents, but tangents within a framework."

JEFF HODSON

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Palin

The daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, Bristol Palin, has signed with William Morrow to publish the book Not Afraid of Life, to come out this summer. It will look at her life growing up in Alaska and coming of age amid the media and political frenzy surrounding her mother's political rise.
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▶ Christina Aguilera

Aguilera arrested

Boyfriend faces DUI charge after evening out

Christina Aguilera was reportedly arrested early yesterday morning in West Hollywood for public intoxication, according to TMZ. Her boyfriend, Matthew Rutler, was reportedly also arrested for a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Aguilera was "extremely intoxicated" and "unable to take care of herself," law enforcement sources tell the website. Police initially pulled Rutler over because he was driving erratically.

"If the driver had not been arrested for DUI, (Christina) would have never been in trouble," the source says.

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Sheen goes public, loses publicist

Charlie Sheen has been on the publicity offensive this week, doing as many interviews as he can to discuss his infamous fallout with CBS and the creator of Two and a Half Men, capping it off with a 45-minute live chat with website TMZ in his backyard.

When asked about his 10-month-old twin sons, Sheen motioned to the house and said, "They're right in there somewhere." When asked who was watching the toddlers, Sheen said, "Everybody here is parenting the kids."

Shortly after the interview, Sheen's long-term publicist, Stan Rosenfield, quit. In response, Sheen told TMZ, "He's not allowed to quit, so you're fired."

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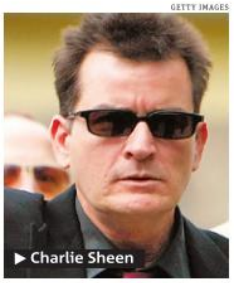

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Taking a ride on a zip line in The Rock

N.L.'s Marble Mountain offers some great skiing and snowboarding
Don't miss a heart-stopping zip-line ride over a huge gorge

I stood on the platform staring across Canada's highest zip line — a cable strung 85 metres over a plunging gorge at Marble Mountain, one of the best kept secrets in western Newfoundland.

"Have fun!" the guide urged me as I shook with fear but stepped from the edge, my feet suddenly dangling free over the vast chasm below.

I was secured to the down-sloping cable by two pulleys with cords attached to a harness with straps around my waist, legs, shoulders and chest.

Through my helmet I could barely hear the other zip liners cheering me on as I laughed like a kid on a rollercoaster. A spectacular view of the Humber Valley, cut through the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range — the same peaks that extend into Georgia — flashed past.

And before I knew it, I was slowing down as the cable angled upward toward the waiting guide who caught my lines at the receiving platform.

Now that's a knee-wobbling rush.

Marble Zip Tours offers eight lines criss-crossing the spectacular Steady Brook Falls near Corner Brook, N.L. The longest ride sprawls across 420 metres and is aptly described in promotional brochures as a heady blend of parachuting and flying.

But if hurtling over a deep void isn't quite your speed, Marble Mountain is also a winter wonderland featuring world-class skiing and snowboarding.

World-class skiing on The Rock? It's a fact so little known that lineups for chairlifts with names like "Newfie Bullet" are astoundingly short. They head up to 37 trails ranging from leisurely runs to double-black-diamond vertical drops of up to 519 metres.

And of course there's lots of typical Newfoundland humour. One run is called Blow Me Down, or as it's also simply referred to, OMJ, or Oh My Jesus.

Marble Mountain is geographically blessed with a climate that is typically one of the snowiest in Canada. But when the peaks were still bare in early January, panicked locals organized a snow dance. The region has been blasted with about two metres of powder ever since, creating some of the best skiing and snowboarding conditions in recent memory.

It's Alli Johnston's job to get the marketing word out about Marble Mountain. Visitors from St. John's, N.L., flock to the resort, along with increasing numbers of tourists from Ontario and Europe, she said.

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▶ A participant at Marble Zip Tours, Marble Mountain, near Corner Brook, N.L.. Marble Mountain offers Canada's highest zip line — a cable strung 85 metres over a gorge.

Still, she hears from people time and again that they never expected to find a resort like Marble Mountain on The Rock.

"It is something that we are trying to change - but not too much," she said with a smile. "Part of the charm of this place is the short lift lines and the relative friendliness of all the people here, and the real local flavour that we get."

Lines are longer in the base lodge, however. Expect to wait about 30 minutes in food and bar queues on the busiest weekends, and get there early if you're renting equipment. Snowboarding boots go especially quickly.

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Travel in brief

Chic Savvy Travels is a new website co-founded by Canadian journalists Vawn Himmelsbach and Tanya Enberg that offers some great advice and stories for female travellers. Dubbed A Backpacker's Guide for Grown-ups, the site has sections such as Relationship Road Test and Canadian, eh? Check out chicsavvytravels.com.

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Can't wait until St. Patrick's Day to party? Tybee Island, GA., is celebrating Mardi Gras

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▶ Street food is cheap and plentiful in Shanghai.

It's a rare city that straddles the Old and New Worlds — developing and developed — but Shanghai is one of them. It's a city desperate to grow up, so skyscrapers shoot up, while traditional life thrives in the alleys between them.

This duality trickles down rather deliciously to the food. Those skyscrapers attract restaurants boasting top chefs with ambition to match the city's, and the lanes are a blur with steam from a thousand mom-and-pop kitchens. So you can eat for $5 a day or $50.

The dishes here are slightly sweeter than most Chinese cuisine. A key ingredient is sugar, nothing more complicated than that. Shanghaining are obsessed with freshness — even the supermarkets carry live fish, turtles, snakes — so local delicacies vary by the season. In winter, migrant workers push coal stoves roasting corn and sweet potatoes, and windows fog up from hotpots of boiling broth for dipping meat and veggies in. On summer nights, sweaty clubbers squat on pavement stools chewing on skewers of squid and pork. And in September hairy crabs appear, scaling their aquariums with fuzzy claws.

And that's just the cheap eats. In high-rise hotels, including the Grand Hyatt, star chefs serve platters of crispy Mandarin fish doused in sweet, sticky sauce, drunken chicken and shrimp, (named for the spirits they're simmered in), and sweet and sour pork ribs.

Flash restaurants get a spot on the river Bund, the old British enclave of Art Deco riverfront manors: the Whampoa Club is notable for its modern take on local specialities and sumptuous gilded decor.

Quick tips

▶ Shanghai Tang Café

EAT

▶ China's leading high-fashion brand just got its own restaurant: Shanghai Tang Café. The lacquer-and-silk decor is an extension of the label's vivid clothing. Food is Shanghainese with extra sprinklings of pomegranate and foie gras. **shanghaitang.com**

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The joys of fried fish — minus the fatty frying

This haddock sandwich contains a red Thai curry mayo that provides just the right amount of spice It is baked for a healthy alternative

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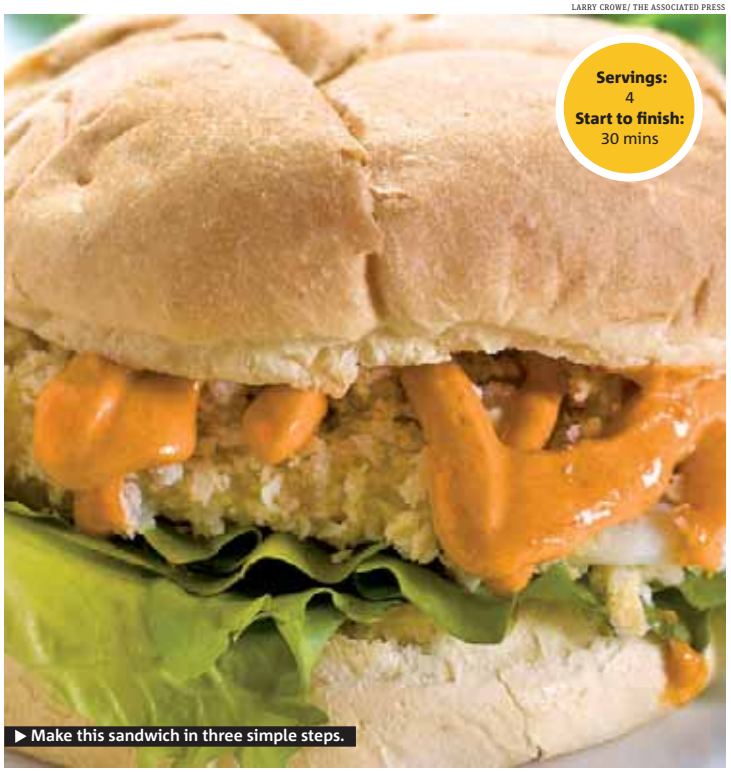

▶ Make this sandwich in three simple steps.

DINNER EXPRESS

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This recipe for "Fried" Haddock with Red Thai Curry Mayo, adapted from the Associated Press, manages to find a creative way to infuse a basic baked "fried" haddock with the delicious taste of Thai red curry paste.

Making the fish couldn't be simpler. Just whisk eggs, mayo and mustard in one shallow bowl, and fill a second with panko breadcrumbs.

Then, dredge haddock fillets through the egg mix and panko, then bake them on a sheet.

Adding the gentle yet complex spicy heat of red curry paste is also made really easy. Whip it into the mayonnaise, then slather that on a bun, add the fish and call it a day.

It's marvellously good and perfectly marries the tender taste of the fish with a nice and gentle, yet spicy, kick.

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) panko breadcrumbs
- 1 lb (500 g) haddock fillets, divided into 4 pieces
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) light mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Thai red curry paste
- 8 large Boston or bibb lettuce leaves
- 4 hamburger buns

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, whisk together eggs and mustard. In another bowl, place breadcrumbs.
2. Season haddock with salt and pepper. Dredge each piece of haddock in the egg mix, letting excess drip off then coat in breadcrumbs on both sides. Arrange fillets on greased baking sheet. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until fish flakes.
3. Meanwhile, in small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise and curry paste. Divide mixture over the bottom half of each bun, then top each with 2 lettuce leaves. Set haddock over lettuce and serve immediately.

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French restaurants miss the top spot

The arbiter of fine cuisine, the Michelin Red Guide, has added more than 50 restaurants to its annual listing of premier eateries in France but none got its top grade.

For the first time in nearly a generation, the anonymous inspectors couldn't find any newcomers for its ultra-elite list of three-star restaurants in France, whose ranks actually shrank by one to 25.

Michelin said that reflected diners' ongoing shift to favouring more value-oriented eating over the white tablecloths that predominate in the three-star dining world.

The one chef who lost his perch at the top was Michel Trama, whose eponymous restaurant in southwest France features foie gras hamburger and foie gras lollipops, fell from three stars to two.

The 111-year-old guidebook elevated 51 restaurants to either one- or two-star rankings, including a second star for Japanese chef Shinichi Sato at Paris' Passage 53.

Overall, 46 restaurants joined the one-star category for a total of 470, and five got two stars for a total of 76.

One trend that emerged in this year's guide "is the proliferation in the Paris restaurant scene of good value bistros, chefs who are trained in three-star restaurants that leave to open better value bistros offering food that people can afford," said Meg Zimbeck, a Paris-based critic and editor of the Paris by Mouth website.

The nearly 2,000 page guidebook goes on sale Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BOSS-BASHING

Can you openly criticize your boss without fear of immediate dismissal? Here are tales of three employees who did that and ended up paying for it with their jobs.

Upset following an angry confrontation with her boss, Maria Van Der Meij wasn't about to go quietly. Believing that her boss had acted improperly during a meeting, Van Der Meij left the office and wrote to the company's board of directors, angrily criticizing her boss by accusing him of being a coward and lacking ethical standards.

The letter cost Van Der Meij both her job and her case, as a court later found that by spitefully criticizing her boss, her immediate dismissal was justified.

Similarly, following a number of poor performance reviews, Yingyi Chen had had enough of management's disdain. Knowing that the company was in a precarious financial position, Chen wrote a letter to its shareholders widely expressing his dissatisfaction with how he felt the company was being run.

In siding with the employer, a court found that Chen had attempted to embarrass both his managers and the board of directors in the eyes of the company's shareholders, and that by doing so without a good reason, his termination was subsequently upheld.

Conversely, when Dawn Marie Bennett became concerned with the way her boss ran the small office where she worked, she complained. However, it was to no avail.

When the issues mounted, Bennett delivered a letter to her boss accusing her of being dishonest and negligent and suggesting that she was disorganized and incompetent. Bennett was fired almost immediately.

Unlike the other two cases, here the court sided with the employee. Why? Because Bennett's letter, while harshly worded, was intended to be kept private and not to embarrass her boss or the company.

In all three cases, the courts accepted that employees are generally entitled to criticize superiors without fear of immediate dismissal. However, sometimes silence can be golden. While employees will often have complaints that are reasonable or justified, the manner and tone in which they express them must always remain professional.

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What is this guy thinking?

When attempting to land that dream job, it's important to consider what the recruiter wants to hear

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The best interviews will take on a natural, conversational tone, career experts say.

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Getting dressed for a job interview?

Start by "putting yourself in the shoes of an employer and think what they would want to hear," says Laura DeCarlo, an interview coach.

Leenie Glickman, a career counselor from Boston, adds, "think about what they would want to hire.

"Prepare by writing down what traits and skills they would be looking for. Then it's almost irrelevant what they ask you because you already know what you want to tell them."

A command of the conversation puts your interviewers at ease, which you want to do during an interview.

"As a job seeker, yes, you have a lot of fear, but in reality, it's just dress rehearsal," she continues. "If you get it wrong, you can always keep applying, keep learning. But an employer has a whole lot at risk when they're interviewing job seekers. They can be very insecure."

They can also be dismally unprepared, she adds.

"There are a variety of unprepared interview types," she says. "They range from the leads-the-interview-astray-talking-about-wife-and-kids interviewer to the interviewer who is so shy and quiet that you're going to have a stilted interview if you're not outgoing and personable."

If you find yourself locked in an inquisition with a manager like that, be ready to manage your talk time like a chess player slapping the clock, Glickman suggests.

Studies show a jobseeker should speak about 20 per cent of the time during their first round interview.

"The best interviews are the ones where it's interactive," she notes. "They ask you a question, you give them the answer, you come back with a question. It feels conversational."

Just Google 'em!

It's a 21st century given that your job interviewer is going to Google you – and probably gawk at all those Facebook photos you left online. But the web's translucent curtain goes both ways.

Take advantage!

"All these companies have LinkedIn groups," Glickman points out. "Use LinkedIn's advance search functions. Search for people who work at that company and find out more about them."

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Clean up that content

Social media sites have redefined the process of getting into college. What you have shared about yourself online can be more revealing than SAT scores or an admissions essay.

According to a Kaplan survey, 88 per cent of admission officers believed social media was either "somewhat" or "very" important to their future recruitment efforts.

"What you do now stays in the public domain forever. It's easier to remove a tattoo," says Kenny Ossen, director of communications and broadcast media for SocialShield, a service designed to inform parents about social media.

While students can't change who they are, they can refine their image.

See below for some easy tips.

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▶ Universities and colleges are starting to look at social media websites when deciding which students they'd like to accept.

Tech Tips:

- If you wouldn't send a photo to your grandmother or college admissions counsellor, don't post it online.
- Make sure all content is set to private. Anyone can get ahold of information if you don't protect it.
- Don't friend professors, but do like or follow their department online to show that you're interested.
- Be professional. Have an email that is used only for college applications and professional matters. Your personal email can trace social networking sites you belong to.

Hoping to study abroad?

A one-day Study and Go Abroad Fair will be taking place today in the Parkview Terrace Room at the Vancouver Convention Centre at 999 CanadaPlace from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Organized by Recruit in Canada, the fair will feature exhibitors from around the world looking to recruit Canadians for school and work. It will also feature speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas, who will lecture from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit studyandgoabroad.com. METRO

Dr. Google: An Rx for trouble

Doctors warn of the perils of self-educating on health matters

Is that tennis elbow or a tumour? If you're relying on the Internet to make the diagnosis, you may want to think again. Doctors warn that Internet self-diagnosis could have dangerous consequences.

Surveys show that most Canadian adults use the Internet to find health information, and doctors have noticed some trust it enough that they don't even consult a physician.

"The power and the peril that we have right now, with particularly strong search engines, is you can input a string of symptoms and most assuredly something will pop out," says Dr. Ross Upshur, a University of Toronto scientist and Canada Research Chair in primary-care research.

Search engines can give wacky advice. A Google search for "diet" turns up a fasting regime with lemon-concentrate pills exceeding Canada's Food Guide. And the top results for "sore throat" suggest it's a symptom of throat cancer or AIDS.

It turns into a problem when patients bring reams of papers to a doctor's office explaining why their headaches are caused by meningitis. Doctors and international media call those web-stoked fears "cyberchondria."

Upshur says he's even more worried that some people don't seek a doctor's opinion after a Dr. Google diagnosis. "I've got abundant anecdotal experience," says Upshur, who meets with 50 to 60 patients each week. "For example, a patient with abdominal pain (who self-diagnosed) mild constipation ... turned out to have gallstones."

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Torres' marker clinches victory

Maxim Lapierre, obtained from Anaheim, centred Vancouver's fourth line, drew game's first penalty

Raffi Torres scored the winner in the eighth round of the shootout yesterday to give the Vancouver Canucks breathing room atop the NHL standings with a 2-1 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Torres ended the suspense by skating in on goalie Steve Mason and rifling a shot over his blocker.

Mason Raymond and Alex Burrows also beat Mason on backhands earlier in the shootout.

Rick Nash and Antoine Vermette prolonged the shootout for Columbus.

Raymond scored for Vancouver in regulation while Scottie Upshall drew Columbus even in the second period.

The suddenly inconsistent Canucks boast the NHL's best record, but have only five wins in their last 10 games.

Their 40-15-9 record moved Vancouver three points clear of Philadelphia, the Eastern Conference leaders. Vancouver also has a five-point cushion over second-place Detroit in the West.

Philadelphia has two games in hand on the Canucks while the Red Wings have one.

The second straight loss dropped Columbus to 31-24-7, but the point for a regulation tie enabled the Jackets to continue a playoff push that has seen them win nine of 13 games.

The teams were tied 1-1 entering the third period, but the Canucks found themselves outplayed by Columbus.

Canuck goalie Roberto Luongo faced several break-in attempts and finished with 30 saves while Mason blocked 25 for Columbus.

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▶ Roberto Luongo stops the Columbus Blue Jackets' Derek MacKenzie as he's checked by Dan Hamhuis last night.

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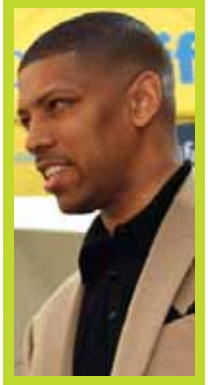

"The likelihood of them leaving is probably greater than them staying, but it's not a done deal."

SACRAMENTO MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON, A FORMER NBA PLAYER, ON THE CHANCES OF THE KINGS STAYING IN HIS CITY. THE NBA GRANTED THE TEAM AN EXTENSION YESTERDAY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION NEXT SEASON.

Opinion

RORY BOYLEN
THE HOCKEY NEWS

CANUCKS TWEAKS SPOT-ON AT DEADLINE

When you're the best team in the NHL with an offence and defence that ranks in the top two in the league, you really don't need to make any changes at the trade deadline.

So the Canucks, in adding Chris Higgins and Maxim Lapierre, did all they really should have in tweaking a fourth line that has at times been slow, inexperienced or not quite effective enough.

Higgins, a Montreal first-rounder from 2002, once had the offensive upside of a reliable two-way second-liner, but somewhere along the way in the red, white and blue fishbowl he strayed from that line and has become little more than a depth player who would now do well to hit 30 points, let alone 30 goals.

But in Vancouver, Higgins won't have to be a first-, second- or even third-line player and will settle in nicely away from the spotlight. His speed and penalty-killing acumen are undeniable and will go a long, long way for Vancouver when the wear and tear of the post-season begins to tug. For a guy now on his fifth team in four years — who missed out on Montreal's playoff run from a year ago and has been stuck in Florida this season — motivation won't be a hard sell.

While Higgins can be labelled as the best deadline pickup by the Canucks, Lapierre certainly is the most interesting.

A teammate of Higgins' from their Montreal days, Lapierre is more known for his mouth and cheap, garbage hits than any other intangible he brings to the ice.

The thinking is his attitude took a valium in Anaheim, where he had only nine penalty minutes in 21 games, and that he is someone who ups his level of play in the post-season (just look at last year's showing in Montreal).

The Canucks have managed to reel in Alex Burrows' temper and make him into a more effective player, and while Lapierre won't ever be as productive as the Canucks first-liner, if he can responsibly walk the line of agitator and aggressor it could gain Vancouver an extra power play or two.

But Lapierre also seems like the type who could start to poison a good thing, and if that happens he won't be on Canada's West Coast long. Lapierre has thrown around a number of cringe-worthy hits from behind the past couple of years and if you remember how quickly Sean Avery was dismissed from Dallas after signing there as a free agent in 2008, you'll understand how Lapierre has to fall in line.

All in all, it was a great deadline day for a team that didn't have to do much. Just like in the summer when GM Mike Gillis made minor tweaks to the defence and third line that improved the club in the exact areas that needed to be addressed, Canucks management has once again done the smart, shrewd and calculated thing.

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d-Tampa Bay	62	37	18	3	4	191	190	81	21-7-1-3	16-11-2-1	5-3-0-2	W3
d-Boston	63	37	19	2	5	195	148	81	15-12-1-2	22-7-1-3	6-4-0-0	W6
Pittsburgh	64	37	21	3	3	187	159	80	20-11-2-0	17-10-1-3	3-5-1-1	W1
Washington	64	34	20	5	5	170	162	78	18-8-2-5	16-12-3-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Montreal	64	34	23	4	3	168	165	75	20-8-3-3	14-15-1-0	4-4-0-2	W2
NY Rangers	65	33	28	2	2	181	160	70	14-16-1-2	19-12-1-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Carolina	64	30	25	4	5	186	194	69	17-10-1-2	13-15-3-3	4-4-1-1	W1
Buffalo	62	30	25	6	1	179	179	67	14-15-2-1	16-10-4-0	5-3-1-1	W1
Toronto	63	27	27	4	5	164	193	63	14-11-3-4	13-16-1-1	5-1-2-2	L2
Atlanta	64	26	27	4	7	179	208	63	14-13-1-5	12-14-3-2	2-6-1-1	L1
Florida	63	26	30	3	4	160	173	59	12-12-3-3	14-18-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
New Jersey	62	27	31	3	1	132	164	58	13-13-2-1	14-18-0-1	9-1-0-0	W1
NY Islanders	64	23	32	5	4	173	206	55	12-15-1-3	11-17-4-1	5-3-2-0	L4
Ottawa	63	21	33	5	4	143	201	51	11-17-2-3	10-16-3-1	4-5-0-1	L1

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d-San Jose	64	37	21	4	2	180	163	80	16-10-2-1	21-11-2-1	9-1-0-0	W7
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Calgary	65	33	23	3	6	196	182	75	19-10-1-3	14-13-2-3	6-2-1-1	W2
Los Angeles	63	35	24	2	2	178	156	74	19-10-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Chicago	63	34	23	2	4	202	174	74	19-14-0-0	15-9-3-3	7-1-0-2	W5
Dallas	63	34	23	2	4	174	177	74	18-9-2-3	16-14-0-1	4-5-1-0	W3
Nashville	64	32	23	5	4	162	153	73	15-7-4-3	17-16-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	63	33	24	1	5	165	166	72	16-13-0-3	17-11-1-2	5-4-0-1	L1
Anaheim	63	33	25	3	2	176	186	71	18-10-1-1	15-15-2-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	62	31	24	3	4	171	183	69	16-13-0-2	15-11-3-2	5-3-0-2	L2
St. Louis	63	28	26	4	5	173	186	65	18-11-1-3	10-15-3-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Colorado	64	26	30	7	1	184	219	60	14-15-4-0	12-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L4
Edmonton	64	21	35	1	7	160	212	50	11-19-1-3	10-16-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

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Last night's results
Calgary 6 St. Louis 0
Montreal 3 Atlanta 1
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Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
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Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

CANADIENS 3, THRASHERS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Pacioretty 12, 13:22

Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by Pacioretty) 1:34, Stuart Atl (slashing) 4:54, Plekanec Mtl (interference) 9:18, Stewart Atl (cross-checking) 20:00.

Second Period
2. Montreal, Wisniewski 7 (Kostitsyn, Desharnais) 0:34 (pp)

Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by Kostitsyn) 1:59, Price Mtl (delay of game; served by Pacioretty) 6:18, Enstrom Atl (hooking) 11:12, Kostitsyn Mtl (hooking) 11:42, Hainsey Atl (hooking) 17:44, Plekanec Mtl (tripping) 18:00, Byfuglien Atl (high-sticking) 19:00.

Third Period
3. Atlanta, Antropov 11 (Stewart) 14:14
4. Montreal, Gionta 23 (Gomez, Pacioretty) 19:14 (en)

Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (interference), Thorburn Atl (roughing) 0:21.

Shots on goal by

Montreal	5	8	10	—23
Atlanta	9	16	16	—41

Goal — Montreal: Price (W,29-21-6); Atlanta: Mason (L,8-9-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 1-5; Atlanta: 0-5.
Attendance — 11,156 (18,545) at Atlanta.

BRUINS 1, SENATORS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Spezza Ott (tripping) 14:02.
Third Period
1. Boston, Horton 18 (Marchand, McQuaid) 1:43

Penalties — Campbell Bos (charging) 3:24, Condra Ott (hooking) 6:50, Marchand Bos (holding) 16:23.

Shots on goal by

Boston	6	9	6	—21
Ottawa	10	14	9	—33

Goal — Boston: Rask (W 9-11-1); Ottawa: Anderson (L,16-17-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-2; Ottawa: 0-2.
Attendance — 16,826 (19,153) at Ottawa.

FLAMES 6, BLUES 0

First Period
1. Calgary, Tanguay 17 (Iginla) 18:20

Penalty — Janssen StL (charging) 11:25.
Second Period – No Scoring.
Penalties — Kostopoulos Cal (tripping) 7:33, Backes StL (holding) 9:54, Sarich Cal (holding) 16:43.
Third Period
2. Calgary, Iginla 26 (Morrison, Tanguay) 4:59
3. Calgary, Moss 16 (Giordano) 6:58 (pp)
4. Calgary, Iginla 27 (Morrison, Tanguay) 10:48
5. Calgary, Regehr 2 (Morrison, Bourque) 13:58 (pp)
6. Calgary, Hagman 11 (Backlund) 19:55

Penalties — Shattenkirk StL (boarding) 5:50, Kostopoulos Cal, Janssen StL (fighting) 7:46, Stewart StL (tripping) 12:42.

Shots on goal by

Calgary	16	5	8	—29
St. Louis	7	7	11	—25

Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,29-20-5); St. Louis: Bishop (L,2-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 2-4; St. Louis: 0-2.
Attendance — 19,150 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

OILERS 2, PREDATORS 1 (SO)

First Period
1. Nashville, Geoffrion 1 (Suter, Halischuk) 12:45
2. Edmonton, Vandermeer 2 (Gagner) 13:26

Penalty Smid Edm (interference) 17:45.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — O'Brien Nash (slashing) 2:58, Gilbert Edm (tripping) 11:50, Smithson Nash (holding) 14:10.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Gagner Edm (slashing) 1:52, Fisher Nash (tripping) 10:42.
Overtime – No Scoring.
Shootout — Edmonton wins 2-1
Nashville (1) — Erat, goal; Fisher, miss; Legwand, miss; Franson, miss; **Edmonton (2)** — Eberle, goal; Hall, miss; Brule, miss; Omark, goal.

Shots on goal by

Nashville	18	12	4	1— 35
Edmonton	7	6	11	2— 26

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (OL,22-18-7); Edmonton: Gerber (W,3-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 0-3 Edmonton: 0-3.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

CANUCKS 2, BLUE JACKETS 1 (SO)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Raymond 11 (Kesler, Salo) 14:27

Penalty — Lapierre Vcr (holding) 3:17.
Second Period
2. Columbus, Upshall 17 (Pahlsson, Dorsett) 7:11

Penalties — Russell Clb (cross-checking), Samuelsson Vcr (roughing) 1:30, Kesler Vcr (unsportsmanlike) 7:56, Clitsome Clb (interference) 9:16, Ehrhoff Vcr (tripping) 16:36.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Rome Vcr (illegal stick) 6:14, Upshall Clb (double high-sticking) 15:06.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout — Vancouver wins 3-2
Columbus (2) — Nash, goal; Upshall, miss; Voracek, miss; Calvert, miss; Vermette, goal; Tyutin, miss; MacKenzie, miss; Umberger, miss; **Vancouver (3)** — Tambellini, miss; Kesler, miss; Raymond, goal; D. Sedin, miss; Burrows, goal; Samuelsson, miss; H. Sedin, miss; Torres, goal.

Shots on goal by

Columbus	13	5	11	2— 31
Vancouver	8	5	10	3— 26

Goal — Columbus: Mason (SOL,22-14-3); Vancouver: Luongo (W,29-12-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 0-4; Vancouver: 0-2.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	47	79
Stamkos, TB	41	37	78
St. Louis, TB	24	51	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	59	74
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Ovechkin, Wash	24	39	63
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Kopitar, LA	20	42	62
Toews, Chi	23	38	61
E.Staal, Car	27	32	59
Sharp, Chi	33	25	58
Iginla, Cal	25	33	58
Erikssson, Dal	21	37	58
Giroux, Pha	21	37	58
Kesler, Vcr	33	24	57
Selanne, Ana	20	37	57
Nash, Clb	29	27	56
J.Carter, Pha	28	27	55
Havlat, Minn	20	34	54
P.Kane, Chi	20	34	54
Yandle, Phx	10	44	54
Backstrom, Wash	15	38	53

Not including last night's games

TENNIS

WTA MONTERREY OPEN

At Monterrey, Mexico
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Julia Goerges (4), Germany, 6-1, 7-5.
Anastasija Sevastova (5), Latvia, def. Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Ximena Hermoso, Mexico, 6-2, 6-0.

WTA MALAYSIAN OPEN

At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Singles— First Round
Yesterday's results
Marion Bartoli (2), France, def. Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.
Alisa Kleybanova (3), Russia, def. Lu Jing-Jing, China, 6-1, 6-1.
Jarmila Groth (4), Australia, def. Sun Shengnan, China, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Anne Kremer, Luxembourg, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm (7), Japan, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Bojana Jovanovski (8), Serbia, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-0, 6-1.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	1	0	1.000
Baltimore	2	0	1.000
Detroit	5	0	1.000
Seattle	2	0	1.000
L.A. Angels	3	1	.750
Boston	2	1	.667
Cleveland	2	1	.667
Kansas City	2	1	.667
Minnesota	1	2	.333
Oakland	1	2	.333
Texas	1	2	.333
N.Y. Yankees	1	3	.250
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250
Chicago W.Sox	0	2	.000
Toronto	0	4	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Colorado	3	0	1.000
Washington	2	0	1.000
Atlanta	2	1	.667
Milwaukee	2	1	.667
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600
San Francisco	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	2	2	.500
Florida	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
L.A. Dodgers	2	3	.400
Chicago Cubs	1	2	.333
N.Y. Mets	1	2	.333
Arizona	1	4	.200
Houston	0	2	.000
San Diego	0	2	.000

Yesterday's results
Detroit (ss) 6 Toronto 2
Atlanta 3 Houston 0
Baltimore 12 Tampa Bay 6
Boston 5 Minnesota 0
Chicago Cubs 3 San Francisco 2
Cincinnati (ss) 7 Oakland 6
Cleveland 2 L.A. Dodgers 1
Colorado 7 Arizona 4
Detroit (ss) 6 Philadelphia 2
Kansas City 4 San Diego 3
L.A. Angels 2 Cincinnati (ss) 1
Milwaukee 3 Chicago White Sox 1
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 5 Texas 4
St. Louis 7 Florida 1
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	2	2	0	0	4
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
Sri Lanka	3	2	0	1	4
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	2
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	2
Canada	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Kenya	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
England	2	1	1	0	3
India	2	1	1	0	3
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2
Bangladesh	2	1	0	1	2
West Indies	2	1	0	1	2
Ireland	1	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	2	0	0	2	0

Yesterday's result
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka (146 for one) def. Kenya (142, all out) by nine wickets.
Monday's results
At New Delhi
West Indies (330-8) def. Netherlands (115, all out) by 215 runs.
At Nagpur, India
Zimbabwe (298 for nine) def. **Canada (123, all out)** by 175 runs.
Today's match
At Bangalore, India
England vs. Ireland

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	43	15	.741	—
d-Miami	43	17	.717	1
d-Chicago	41	17	.707	2
Orlando	39	22	.639	5½
Atlanta	36	24	.600	8
New York	30	28	.517	13
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	14
Indiana	27	32	.458	16½
Charlotte	26	33	.441	17½
Milwaukee	23	36	.390	20½
Detroit	22	40	.355	23
New Jersey	17	43	.283	27
Toronto	17	44	.279	27½
Washington	15	44	.254	28½
Cleveland	11	48	.186	32½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	49	11	.817	—
Dallas	44	16	.733	5
d-L.A. Lakers	43	19	.694	7
d-Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	12
Denver	35	26	.574	14½
New Orleans	35	27	.565	15
Portland	33	27	.550	16
Memphis	34	28	.548	16
Phoenix	31	27	.534	17
Utah	32	29	.525	17½
Houston	31	31	.500	19
Golden State	26	33	.441	22½
L.A. Clippers	21	40	.344	28½
Sacramento	15	43	.259	33
Minnesota	14	47	.230	35½

d - division leaders ranked in top four positions per conference regardless of winning pct.

Last night's results
Toronto 96 New Orleans 90
Dallas 101 Philadelphia 93
Houston 103 Portland 87
Indiana 109 Golden State 100
L.A. Lakers 90 Minnesota 79
Memphis 109 San Antonio 93
Milwaukee 92 Detroit 90
Orlando 116 New York 110
Monday's results
Boston 107 Utah 102
Chicago 105 Washington 77
Denver 100 Atlanta 90
Phoenix 104 New Jersey 103 (OT)
Sacramento 105 L.A. Clippers 99
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

RAPTORS 96, HORNETS 90

NEW ORLEANS (90)
Ariza 3-9 2-2 10, West 7-17 5-6 19, Okafor 0-5 1-2 1, Paul 3-10 1-1 7, Green 2-7 0-0 4, Landry 8-10 1-2 17, Belinelli 5-14 0-0 13, Pondexter 0-0 0-0 0, Jack 7-9 2-2 17, Smith 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-82 12-15 90.
TORONTO (96)
J.Johnson 5-6 2-2 13, A.Johnson 3-10 2-3 8, Bargnani 6-16 2-2 14, Calderon 7-10 5-5 22, DeRozan 8-17 1-1 17, Davis 3-4 0-0 6, Weems 6-12 2-2 14, Barbosa 0-2 0-0 0, Bayless 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-79 14-15 96.

New Orleans	20	22	20	28	—90
Toronto	27	30	15	24	—96

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-13 (Belinelli 3-5, Ariza 2-4, Jack 1-1, West 0-1, Paul 0-2), Toronto 4-10 (Calderon 3-4, J.Johnson 1-1, DeRozan 0-1, Bayless 0-1, Bargnani 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 43 (West 10), Toronto 47 (A.Johnson 10). Assists—New Orleans 17 (Paul 5), Toronto 29 (Calderon 16). Total Fouls—New Orleans 22, Toronto 17. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second 2, Toronto defensive three second. A—14,704 (19,800) at Toronto.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, Okla	54	510	424	1539	28.5
James, Mia	58	530	388	1520	26.2
Stoudemire, NY	56	549	343	1450	25.9
Wade, Mia	56	512	359	1430	25.5

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND
Yesterday's result
Everton 0 Reading 1

PREMIER LEAGUE
Chelsea 2 Manchester United 1

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby 1 Doncaster 3
Middlesbrough 1 Nottingham Forest 1
Portsmouth 2 Scunthorpe 0

LEAGUE ONE
Brentford 1 Notts County 1
Bristol Rovers 0 Colchester 1
Charlton 1 Carlisle 3
Exeter 1 Tranmere 1
Hartlepool 0 Huddersfield 1
Walsall 1 Southampton 0
Yeovil 0 Brighton 1

LEAGUE TWO
Aldershot 1 Gillingham 1
Cheltenham 2 Stockport 1
Chesterfield 4 Wycombe 1
Lincoln City 3 Oxford 1
Northampton 2 Burton Albion 3
Shrewsbury 0 Bury 3
Torquay 1 Rotherham 1

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP
SEMIFINALS
Yesterday's result
Duisburg 2 Energie Cottbus 1

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Hamilton 1 Hibernian 2
Inverness 0 Dundee United 2

FIRST DIVISION
Cowdenbeath 2 Queen of the South 2
Morton 0 Falkirk 0
Stirling 0 Ross County 0

SECOND DIVISION
Brechin 3 Dumbarton 3
East Fife 3 Peterhead 1
Livingston 3 Forfar 0
Stenhousemuir 3 Ayr 1

THIRD DIVISION
Annan Athletic 1 Berwick 1
Stranraer 3 Clyde 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Espanyol 1 Mallorca 2
Sevilla 3 Sporting Gijon 0

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	10	8	2	.800	117	91	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1½
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2½
Rochester	9	5	4	.556	85	96	2½
Philadelphia	9	4	5	.444	82	97	3½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	9	2	7	.222	93	110	3½
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK NINE
All times Eastern
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Calgary at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Buffalo at Boston, 5 p.m.

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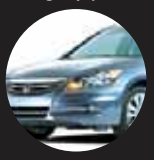
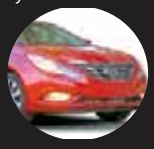
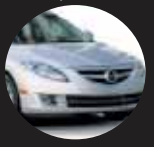


Hyundai Sonata Limited
Base price: $30,600
All-new model is sharp-looking, roomy and offers impressive fuel economy.



Mazda6 GT-I4
Base price: $30,300
A sporty sedan that looks and acts the part. Family-size trunk a plus.



WHEELBASE MEDIA

Like a Regal

The 2011 Regal is already making waves, but its $33,400 base price nudges up against that of the larger LaCrosse.

This is where the Verano comes in since it will likely enter the market in the $28,000 range, including destination charges.

It will be as well equipped as the loaded Regal, at least for its base price, but the Verano's Chevrolet-Cruze-based platform and basic body structure is actually closer in size to the Regal than you might think.

Ground-breaking

Stylistically, the Verano and the Regal share the same shape and are adorned with similar grilles, but the Verano's seem proportionally larger. The neatly contoured fenders allow very little fender-to-tire gap, which hints at a sporty side.

The cabin is pure luxury, however. Although base models will come with leatherette (vinyl) and cloth seats, premium models will feature plenty of wood trim and plumped-up leather-covered seat cushions. For any compact car, and not just a Buick small car, this is ground breaking.

Engine

The Verano comes with a standard 177-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine (also standard in both Regal and LaCrosse) that's mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

An optional 220-horsepower turbocharged unit — also optional in the Regal — will eventually migrate to the Verano lineup.

▶ The Verano blends small size and luxury, which is a relatively new thing for North American automakers. But when you think about it, it makes perfect sense to sell well-equipped small cars.

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Upwardly creeping gasoline prices combined with pending government-legislated fuel-economy standards are changing the way North Americans think about small cars: they're beginning to actually need them.

As a result, automobiles sold in North America are starting to shrink, and engines are shrinking right along with them.

This fall's arrival of the Verano constitutes a major step in a new direction for Buick, but one that General Motors' up-level division seems fully prepared for, despite a history of large, pillowy driving sedans.

It's unlikely that the Verano's arrival will cause BMW or Audi much concern, but it might lure buyers considering a loaded-up Honda Accord or Toyota Camry to seriously consider a Buick, which would have been virtually unheard of five years ago.

Verano

Facts about the 2012 Buick Verano.

- **Type:** Four-door entry-luxury compact sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (177).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.3/6.3 (est.)

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Inflate your tires properly to stay safe and save money

Make sure you practice proper tire inflation techniques or you could find yourself calling a tow truck or, much worse, an ambulance.

Since the air pressure in tires supports 95 per cent of the weight of your car, it's absolutely imperative that you inflate your tires to just the right pressure, especially in winter when tires lose their pressure faster in colder weather.

Under-inflating or over-inflating your tires increases your fuel consumption and therefore your costs, and increases the risk of damage and injury to you, your passengers and your vehicle.

Follow these tips from Transport Canada for maintaining proper winter tire pressure.

• Measure your tire pressure at least once a month.

• Measure the pressure when the tires are cold (after two hours or two kilometres of driving). Tires lose pressure when the air temperature gets colder — about one pound per square inch (seven kilopascals) for every 5 C drop in temperature. Tires may also lose a certain amount of pressure due to their permeability (about two PSI or 14 kPa per month).

• Inflate your tires to the recommended pressures printed on the label inside your car door or in your owner's manual.

• Use a high quality pressure gauge such as those sold at automotive supply stores.

• Under-inflation increases rolling resistance, which reduces tread life and increases fuel consumption. It can also lead to sudden tire failure. Without enough air, the sides of a tire bend and flex too much. This builds up heat, which can cause serious damage.

• Operating a vehicle with just one tire underinflated by eight psi (56 kPA) can reduce the life of the tire by 15,000 kilometres and can increase the vehicle's fuel consumption by four per cent.

• Over-inflation can be a problem, too. An over-inflated tire rides on just the centre portion of the tread. The smaller contact area means reduced grip on the road, leading to a harsh ride, handling issues (such as steering and stopping problems) and increased wear on tires and suspension components.

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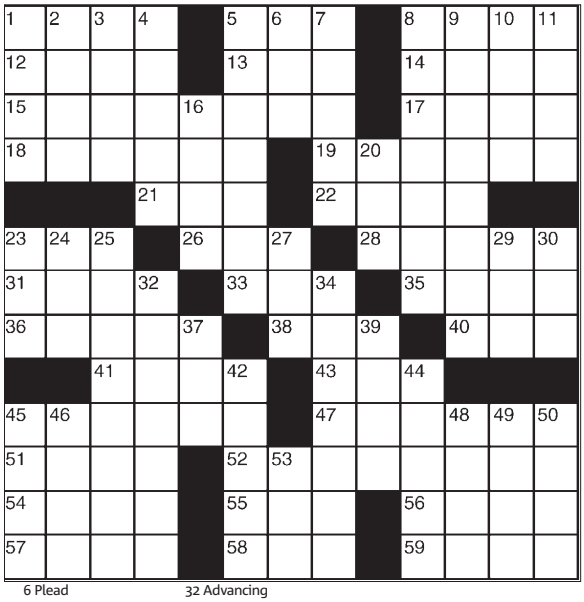

Across

1 Seeks answers
5 Couric's network
8 "Zounds!"
12 Beehive State
13 Chop
14 Unchanged
15 Bogart-Bacall movie
17 Animal's stomach
18 Swimsuit brand
19 Red-orange fish
21 Skillet
22 Old fogy
23 Actress Zadora
26 Edge
28 Card-game rule-book
31 Frizzy coiffure
33 Taxi
35 Insult
36 Highway warnings
38 Go down slightly
40 Early bird?
41 Hasn't paid yet
43 "Great!"
45 Rent payer
47 Sedative
51 Winged
52 Snail, on a French menu
54 Tennyson poem
55 Alias abbr.
56 Gator's kin
57 Picnic invaders
58 Wire measure
59 "Thirty days — ..."

Down

1 Diving birds
2 Staircase component
3 Comic Danny
4 Drag (Var.)
5 Habitual
6 Plead
7 Scabbard contents
8 Portuguese pre-euro money
9 Ugly-faced water-spout
10 Asian nursemaid
11 Moist in the morn
16 Hebrew month
20 "— -la-la!"
23 Joad and Kettle
24 "— Were King"
25 Any of Jason's crew
27 Frenzied
29 Haul
30 Work unit
32 Advancing
34 Lens created by Ben Franklin
37 D.C. VIP
39 Hemingway nick-name
42 Fulton's power source
44 Canoe material
45 Author Janowitz
46 Verve
48 Taj Mahal city
49 Tugboat noise
50 Engrave, in a way
53 Schuss

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

			2	6				7
9						5	3	1
		5					6	
			5	4				9
	5		1		8		4	
6				2	7			
	3					1		
7	9	4						8
1				7	3			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	4	6	9	7	2	1	3	5
9	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	8
3	7	5	8	6	1	9	2	4
6	5	7	2	3	4	8	1	9
4	3	9	6	1	8	5	7	2
2	8	1	5	9	7	3	4	6
1	2	8	7	5	6	4	9	3
7	6	3	4	8	9	2	5	1
5	9	4	1	2	3	6	8	7

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Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

AH, Fate has brought us together and shown how things should have always been and can now be. Thank you for being in my life and giving me what I've needed for so long. Our chemistry is unmatched and our future is bright. **AO**

*My dearest Kinder face, you maketh my aquarium bubble over loudly. Meet me in the cooler for A secret meeting *wink* Burnt lips 4ever xoxo*

My Man! Stephen, All Because to platypus's fell in love, I cant wait to be with you forever baby!! I love you with all my heart and am excited for what is yet to come! XOXOXO **LOVE YOUR FAVOURITE PERSON – JOSIE!**

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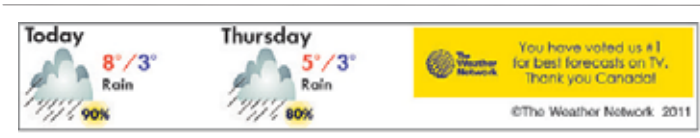

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Take care not to fall out with someone in a position of authority today. By all means, stick up for yourself and protect your interests but don't make enemies of powerful people.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't try so hard. The more you attempt to get ahead of the curve, the more likely it is you'll make a silly mistake. You don't have to prove yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you allow yourself to fear the worst today, it could work against you by making you too cautious about a financial matter that requires an immediate and decisive response. Nothing is ever as bad as it seems. You know that.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be none too happy with what's been going on in your life, but what are you going to do about it? It's time to give some serious thought to what changes need to be made.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be right to be skeptical about what you've been told but don't take it to extremes and believe that everyone is out to deceive you. If someone offers to help, chances are they are just being friendly.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't commit to anything you have not checked out, even if a friend tells you there is nothing to worry about. That may be true for him or her but can you be sure it is true for you?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you jump to conclusions today, you may find out later that you got it totally wrong. Give loved ones the benefit of the doubt even if you suspect they are not being entirely truthful.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 This is one of those days when you will feel happier, and achieve more by following the path of least resistance. Don't worry too much about your long-term plans. All roads lead to your ultimate goal.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Try not to attach too much importance to what your five senses tell. There is a chance they will lead you astray. That applies especially to money issues.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 No matter how strong your opponent is, you can beat him or her if you use brains as well as brawn. What is his or her weak point? Make that your target, and hammer at it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your ability to express yourself may be restricted but that does not stop you from thinking. When you do get a chance to get your point across, no one will doubt that you know what you are talking about.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Anyone who tries to give you advice will be left in no doubt that you don't need it. All well and good, but don't bite his or her head off. No need to be so intense. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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